



Greg Earle

October 19, 1958 - April 5, 2024

Greg Earle, 65, of Centralia, passed away Friday, April 5, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on Sunday, October 19th, 1958 in Centralia, Illinois to Jim and Peggy (Crowley) Earle. He married Lee Ann Deaton on August 27, 1977 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and she survives him.

Greg was a beloved husband to Lee Ann Earle for 46 years, a devoted father to Morgan Barrall and fiancé Justin Gyorkos, and a loving grandfather to Hannah Barrall and Emma Barrall. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews Pat Schwartz, Nathan Jones, Sean Earle, Mariah Kolessar, and Shan Lackey.

Greg was a graduate of Centralia High School Class of 1976. In his younger years he worked at Firestone as Manager in Centralia. He then became an entrepreneur starting Evergreen Landscaping in 1987 and continued for many years. He was known for his skill in operating his Bobcat and mini excavator. Greg then went to the Centralia Fire Protection District to help his long time friend Gib Lynch. He had a successful career with the Centralia Fire Protection District for 34 years, while working his way up to Fire Chief before retiring. He was known for his dedication to the community and served as President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association from 2019-2020. Greg also

served on the CFPD board and the area 911 board for many years. Greg commented that he could have not of served the Centralia Community without the understanding and support from his loving wife and daughter for all the time he dedicated serving his community.

From the outpouring love and support for Greg and his family during this difficult time, the Visitation will be held Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Rock Church 515 Airport Road Centralia, Illinois 62801. Funeral Services will be held Friday, April 12, 2024 at 11:00 am at the church. In memory of Greg, memorial donations may be made to the Centralia Fire Protection District and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Earle family.

Greg Earle will be remembered for his selfless dedication to serving others and his impact on the Centralia community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **11.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Rock Church
515 Airport Rd
Centralia, IL 62801-6583
(618) 533-3700

Funeral Service

APR **12.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

The Rock Church
515 Airport Rd
Centralia, IL 62801
(618) 533-3700

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Greg Earle*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - April 10, 2024 at 06:33 PM

RC

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Chief Earle's passing. I worked with him for 11 years when I was Chief of Police for the City of Salem and I found Greg to be forthright, concerned and a strategic thinker. I always enjoyed our conversations and his directness. A loss to the community to be sure.*

Ron Campo - April 15, 2024 at 10:43 AM

TF

“ *Timothy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Greg Earle.*

Timothy F. - April 13, 2024 at 12:06 PM

KC

“ LeAnn. I am so sorry about Greg. I was unable to attend the service but you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. I know this has to be hard but I am not sure which would be harder. A fast decrease that you know is happening or this slow decrease with Gail that who knows how long it will last and even though he is still here I am unable to talk with him or such. I am home all the time and anytime you want to talk or visit I am available.

Karen Campbell - April 12, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Greg Earle.



April 08, 2024 at 03:29 PM

IF

“ IFCA & IFCA Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Greg Earle.

IFCA & IFCA Foundation - April 08, 2024 at 03:29 PM

KY

“ Ken Yates purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Greg Earle.



Ken Yates - April 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM

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Ken Yates - April 08, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JJ

“ It is with deep sadness that I cannot attend Greg's service. He was a great friend and always had a kind word and sage advice whenever we got together. Our deepest condolences to the Earl family. A great man has gone on.
Sincerely,
John J. Fennell Jr. Ret.

John J Fennell Jr - April 06, 2024 at 11:32 AM

RW

“ Took Greg goose hunting with me once, offered to buy him breakfast before we hunted, thought I was going to have to get a loan to pay the check! He could eat! Going to miss seeing him at DTL! Rest in peace!

Rick Wethington - April 05, 2024 at 10:39 PM

MH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss..I always called him Big Guy.waited on him many times at restaurants. RiP ill always remember you.What a wonderful and blessed guy. No more pain You were so loved and everyone going to miss you.



Marie Hixenbaugh - April 05, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry to read about Greg. One time I had a fire, called 911, and the fire dept. responded. Greg got here first as he was close by. I was so upset and he was so kind and reassuring to me. He told me I did better at trying to put out the fire than most people did. I will never forgot his kindness. With deepest sympathy,
Charlotte Howe and Greg Kleeman

charlotte howe - April 05, 2024 at 08:48 PM